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1. The SOK (Sluzba Ochrony Koleji--Service for the Protection of the Railroads) has existed since the Soviets entered Poland. Shortly after the war, in 1945 and 1946, it was organized under the Ministry of Communications, but control was under a Soviet general named Roumiantsev. From 1947 to early 1949, SOK was allowed to deteriorate and to become ineffective. In July-August 1949, it was reorganized and is now developing into a strong para-military unit. Members of SOK are trained as a military group and are dressed in uniforms and armed in military fashion.
2. By an order of the Ministry of Communications issued to the District Railway Administrations, the activities of SOK were increased to include the following:
 - a. Military training of railway personnel. Prior to the issuance of this order, participation in military training was voluntary.
 - b. Guarding of certain industrial enterprises connected with the Ministry of Communications. Formerly, these enterprises had their own special guard.
3. The SOK is organized into sections, platoons, and companies. The Polish railway system is divided into 10 districts or sections. Each one of these sections has assigned to it 3-6 SOK companies comprising 400-450 men. The number of men assigned to each area depends on the number of lines in that particular area and the volume of traffic. The personnel of SOK is reported to be 25,000 men, with a reserve in excess of 50,000.
4. The headquarters of SOK is located on Ulica Chalubinskiego, Warsaw. Its principal officers are:

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- a. Col. Ignacy Robb-Warbutt, Commanding Officer of SOK
- b. Col. Roman Adrian, Deputy Commanding Officer and Political Education Officer (Politrak)

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c. Lt. Col. Stanislaw Chomicki, Chief of Staff. 


d. Other officers but with unknown designations:

- 1) Edward Malcewski
- 2) Janusz Pomorski
- 3) Gawryl Holyszko

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